

Dear Legislators:

I am writing today, in lieu of attending the meeting at the Capitol today. We are unable to be there, but we are no less passionate about the issues at hand.

My husband and I have owned a home in New Haven for over 36 years. Prior to that, we rented in the city. We love New Haven, and have supported it in more ways than we can list. But, we find ourselves, exceedingly frustrated and concerned about our dramatically increased(ing) property taxes. We should not be (along with other property owners and small businesses) the basis of support for the city. The State needs to do much more to support the major cities. New Haven tax payers cannot continue to support the people who use our services and/or work in the city, but then leave to live in the suburbs!!!!

Full PILOT funding SHOULD be a given. We, in New Haven, now only receive 32% of what we are owed. HOW CAN THIS BE DEEMED ACCEPTABLE? We would hope for much more than what Martin Looney's bill proposes, but if it could pass, it would be an improvement. Brendan Sharkey's proposal is MUCH better, but if it were to stall in the courts (which I'm sure would be the case), there would be no improvement. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE JOKE NOT TO NOT SEE YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL AS A PROFIT MAKING ENTITY!

Please make something happen here. Don't let this get bogged down. Voters, citizens of New Haven... the tax payers... have had it.

Thank you!
Sincerely yours,
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